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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 83020

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November 9, 1966

Summary of October 1966 Monthly Narrative Report

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Deaths — Mrs. Tal Sargent of Yakima, Wn. 10/10
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Interpretive Services — Inter.Services team, in Sn. Dist. on 9/10
Inter.Services restricted in C.S. area
Nemesis Visitor Center open 7 days week -

Visa — Trail guide dispenser two at Paradise Point Park
Sunset into - 24.00 cabin

History — Miscellaneous of the Yell. Archived begun

Research & Conservation — Seismographs at Lake and Mosquito Ave. (Reprint)
Nemesis, not off the power pole planing

Chemical OTTER accepted 10/10, after 11-day [illegible]

Safety & Health — 3 on-the-job accidents reported
Hangers searched and found Mrs. Knightsbury
22 motor vehicle accidents reported; [illegible]
team period 1960, 2[illegible]

Buildings & Utilities — Buoys in Bridge Bay [illegible] [illegible]
from lake
One trailer house for East Entrance Ranger
[illegible] water pump at Grand Village, trailer [illegible]

New radio system complete, [illegible] operating [illegible]
Copper fuel line to generator at Mt. Rainier

Roads & Trails — Snow Sears installed, [illegible]

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BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD		
Travel	643 visitors during October; 923 last year	14
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Publication	Yellowstone Public Lands published each Tuesday Gen Frame Schools: Monetary award to Bartlett	[illegible]
Chapel Use	Protestant services held throughout month Wedding 11/3	[illegible]
Public Relations	Naturalist Center presented program to Elmer's Flat Idaho Falls, Idaho 10/13	
	Chief Naturalist Good presented program at 1st annual Sanitation's Training Conf. in Newark of Yellow	[illegible]
Public Affairs	Most Yellowstone incorporated. Elect Brian and Alderson on November 4	[illegible]

Big Hole National Battlefield

Travel	643 visitors during October; 933 last year	[illegible]
Design and Construction	Yellowstone National Park - listed Big Hole National Battlefield - listed	[illegible]

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Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 83020

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November 9, 1966

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Narrative Report, October 1966

General

Weather Conditions. October was characterized by intermittent periods of clear and mild days, with some snowy, stormy days. A cold front accompanied by light, windblown snow moved in on the 2nd but little snow accumulated. October 9 through 11 was warm and clear. Rain turning to snow fell on the 12th with snow accumulation above 7,000 feet. Snow fell again on the 20th and 21st at the higher elevations.

Beartooth Highway was closed on October 21 due to heavy snow.

Temperatures around the Park were as follows:

	Maximum		Minimum	
Mammoth (Headquarters)	69 degrees	10/6	4 degrees	10/17
North Entrance	80	10/6	15	10/17
Tower	69	10/6	11	10/15
Lamar	68	10/9	8	10/15 & 16
Northeast Entrance	60	10/1 & 11	9	10/16
Old Faithful	62	10/6 & 25	7	10/15
West Yellowstone	60	10/2 & 11	5	10/15 & 16
Bechler	62	10/24	11	10/12
Snake River	65	9/26	7	10/22
Lake	60	10/7	10	10/22

Increase or Decrease in Travel: Visitors entering Yellowstone National Park during October totaled 47,018 while the total number of automobiles reached 13,061. This is a 32.1 per cent increase as compared to October 1965. Visitors entering Yellowstone for the year to date total 2,123,160.

UNITED STATES
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Gettysburg National Park, Pennsylvania 17325

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December 7, 1970

Superintendent

To: Director

From: Superintendent, Gettysburg

Subject: Superintendent's monthly narrative report, October, 1970

General

Visitor Conditions. Weather was characteristic of autumnal conditions with a clear and mild start, with some showers during early. Fall tour attendance by figure, excluding some period in on the Tour was little more substantial. October 2 through 11 was with one tour bus having to make two trips on the Tour with one contacting 7,000 tour. Tour fall again on the 20th for the 11th of the [illegible] attendance.

Personnel. Eighty [illegible] on October. It was on [illegible].

Improvements around the Park were as follows:

	Status		Cost
Seminary (Completed)	12 Actions	1970	[illegible]
Park Museum	[illegible]	1969	[illegible]
Tower	[illegible]	1970	[illegible]
Lease	[illegible]	1969	[illegible]
Gettysburg Gateway	[illegible]	1972 & [illegible]	[illegible]
Old Trolley	[illegible]	1969 & [illegible]	[illegible]
Park Villagers	[illegible]	1969 & [illegible]	[illegible]
Dwelling	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Park Edge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Increase of Visitors in Park. Visitors coming to Gettysburg National Park during October totaled 41,[illegible] and total [illegible] million visitors 14,[illegible]. This is a [illegible] over [illegible] October 1969. Visitors entering Gettysburg [illegible] 2,[illegible].

The North Entrance had a 5.5 per cent increase in travel, while the Northeast Entrance had an increase of 500 automobiles over last year. The increase at Northeast is due to the early closure of the Beartooth Highway last year. Both entrances operated on a 9-hour schedule during October, with the Northeast Entrance closing with the Beartooth Highway on October 21.

There was a 6.5 per cent increase in entrance travel at the West Entrance over the same period in 1965. Travel to the Bechler area showed a decrease, but back-country use to this area has increased over one year ago.

There was a substantial increase in travel over that of last year in the South District. Travel did drop off toward the end of the month.

There was a decrease in permit sales at the North Entrance, as compared to 1965. This decrease is undoubtedly due to the honoring of $7 permits purchased elsewhere.

Range Studies. A total of 19 range plots on the Northern Yellowstone winter range and 10 on the Gallatin winter range were photographed and measured. Data on aspen sprout density, height, leader use, age, and condition were obtained from eight permanent plots.

Some light utilization of aspen reproduction was occurring at some sites by the end of the month. In addition, elk were eating bark from fallen trees at a few locations. This is interesting because grass forage was fully available throughout the month.

Foreign Visitors. Dr. Roel J. Benthem of the Netherlands visited Yellowstone on October 19, 20 and 21. Dr. Benthem is one of Europe's leading landscape artists and visited the United States to study the National Park System, developments in land use policy, master planning, visitor services, and other phases of the organization. He is Chief, Department Landscape Planning Committee, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

Chief Park Ranger Harold J. Estey escorted Dr. Benthem to the South Entrance on the morning of the 21st -- it was snowing, roads in the Park were slippery, and visibility limited. Dr. Benthem stated he would return to the United States in 1972. We believe Dr. Benthem's visit concludes our foreign visitor program for 1966.

Special Activities. Biologist Barmore and the Superintendent presented a program to the Anaconda Sportsmen's Club on management of the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd in Anaconda on the evening of the 20th. The site of the meeting had to be changed at the last minute because of interest in the discussion from the Marcus Daly Hotel to the Knights of Columbus Hall. About 325 attended the open meeting sponsored by the Club. A discussion period was held after the presentation and the program, judging from comments made, was well received.

Regional Director Fagergren, Assistant Chief Glen Hendrix, San Francisco Service Center D & C and Chief of Concessions, Washington Office, Thomas J. Flynn were in the Park October 26-28. On the 26th, in perfect weather, the above party with the Superintendent and staff members inspected the Canyon, Lake, Grant Village and Old Faithful areas. On the 27th and the forenoon of the 28th, a meeting was held with President Art Bazata of the Yellowstone Park Company and members of his staff regarding plans and programs for construction and improvement of Company facilities. Important agreements were reached which will facilitate mutual planning functions for prosecution of Service and Company programs.

On the 18th, Regional Foresters Neal Rahm, David Nordwall and Floyd Iverson of the Forest Service and the five Forest Supervisors of the adjacent national forests met with the Superintendent and Park staff.

The Superintendent met with Trevor Povah and Gar Helppie of Hamilton Stores on the 21st and reviewed the recently approved Masterplan with them.

The Yellowstone Park Company announced plans to keep Mammoth Motor Inn and food facilities in connection therewith open year around. The Company also purchased the oversnow vehicles of Harold Young and the Stagecoach Inn in West Yellowstone and will operate regularly scheduled oversnow vehicle trips into Old Faithful from the West Entrance this coming winter.

Assistant Chief Park Ranger Kenneth R. Ashley and Law Enforcement Officer Edward J. Widmer attended a law enforcement meeting at Bozeman, Montana on October 14. This meeting, sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was for all local law enforcement agencies to discuss the roll of enforcement officers, public relations, training, communications, and new Supreme Court decisions affecting law enforcement. Mr. William M. Alexander, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Butte, Montana was introduced. Mr. Alexander recently replaced Mr. Robert W. Evans.

Chief Park Naturalist Good and West District Naturalist Stanley G. Canter were in the field with graduate student Charles Love and Dr. Montagne of Montana University October 14 to discuss possible location sites for Mr. Love's winter studies in the Park of physical changes in snow depths in thermal basins.

The Beartooth Mess was closed October 25. The Lake Mess will remain open until such time as weather conditions close maintenance operations.

T.V. Movies. On October 14, 15, and 16, the Larsen Studios of New York City made television movies from West Entrance to South Entrance on a "Platformate" commercial for the Shell Oil Company.

Resource Studies. On the 19th, Superintendent McLaughlin, Chief Park Ranger Estey, Wildlife Ranger Metherell, and Biologist Barmore met with Dr. John Craighead to discuss research in the Park with particular reference to the grizzly bear, elk migration, and radio-telemetry studies being conducted by Dr. Craighead. The need for cooperation and improved communication was emphasized by all present.

Administration

There were 350 on the payroll for the period ending October 8 compared to 328 a year ago. There were 325 on the payroll for the period ending October 22 compared to 295 a year ago.

James J. Schaefer, Executive Officer of the Wyoming Interagency C.S.C. Board of Examiners, has advised us that he will visit the Park during the week of November 14. The purpose of Mr. Schaefer's visit is to review our examining needs and prepare qualification requirements for use in examination announcements.

Personnel

Transferred Out

Mrs. Anne B. Goff, Secretarial Assistant, GS-7, transferred to Denver Field Office of Information on October 9.

Harold Appleby, Foreman III, Maintenance, transferred to the Great Onyx Job Corps Conservation Center, with headquarters in Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, October 15.

Gary C. Stork, Personnel Clerk, GS-5, reassignment to position of Personnel Management Specialist, Rocky Mountain National Park, effective October 23.

Program Clerk Florence C. Salisbury has been selected for promotion to Administrative Assistant at Platt National Park. Mrs. Salisbury's last day of duty here was October 28. Effective date of her transfer is November 6.

Selected

Richard L. Lake, South District Supervisory Park Naturalist, arrived from Mount Rainier, October 9.

Retirement Park Naturalist George Marler, who will retire from the National Park Service on December 1, 1966.

Awards. Ernest R. I. Anderson, former Administrative Officer at Yellowstone who retired November 1, 1965, was presented with the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award at a pot-luck dinner on October 20 at Mount Rainier. Superintendent John A. Rutter of Mount Rainier National Park made the presentation. Mr. Anderson now lives in Tacoma, Washington.

A. Frank Hape, Operator General, was presented a cash award of $25 for his idea of a sliding gate for buffalo traps. Presentation of the award was made by Superintendent McLaughlin on October 27.

STATISTICS

Deaths. Mrs. Iva Sargeant of Yakima, Washington, mother of Mrs. Lester L. Abbie, died October 10. Funeral services were held in Yakima, Thursday, October 13, at 1:00 P.M.

Mrs. William Morse Nichols, dies in Hillsborough, California October 13. Memorial Services were held on Friday, October 14, in St. Matthews Episcopal Church in San Mateo, California. Mrs. Nichols' family operated the Yellowstone Park Company concessions in Yellowstone National Park for many years.

Wedding. John I. Hillard was married to Miss JoAnn Zimmerer on October 9 at 4:40 P.M. in the Chapel. Mrs. Hillard is the Public Relations Director for the Yellowstone Park Company.

INTERPRETATION, CONSERVATION AND USE

Interpretive Services. Personal interpretive services for the South District terminated on September 28 when the Canyon Visitor Center officially closed for the season. Wayside exhibits and the Mud Volcano self-guiding trail facilities were available for public use during the month.

Interpretive services in the West District during the month of October were restricted to operation of the Old Faithful Visitor Center on a daily basis of 8-12 and 1-5. Visitation was very sporadic, being determined mainly by weather conditions. The high daily attendance during the month was 280 and the low 30. The Visitor Center was closed on October 31.

The Mammoth Visitor Center was operated on a seven-day a week basis during the month; visiting hours were 9-12 and 1-6. Total visitation during the month was 1,650. Seasonal naturalist Patricia Hackett moved to Mammoth from Canyon Visitor Center on September 28 and started work at the Mammoth Visitor Center on October 3.

Retirement. Park Superintendent George Marley, who will serve with the National Park Service on December 1, 1964.

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On Saturday, October 8, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., the trail guide dispenser box at Fountain Paint Pots was broken into and approximately $4.00 taken. The box had been filled and the money collected at ten in the morning and at four that afternoon it was discovered that the money was stolen and half the leaflets missing.

History. Montana State University at Bozeman obtained a grant from the Hill Family Foundation for the microfilming of the Yellowstone archives and work on the project was begun during the month.

Research and Observation. STEAMBOAT GEYSER erupted on October 26 at 10:50 P.M. after a 77-day interval since the previous eruption on August 10.

Seismograph. On October 7 the seismograph cable at Lake was cut due to construction work being done in the trailer court by Gallagher Construction Company. On October 11 John Dietrih and Don Shulton, USGS Crustal Studies Branch, Lakewood, Colorado visited the Park, repaired the cable and started the seismograph.

The Madison Junction seismograph was out of order on October 11 due to a broken chronometer. It was repaired and the seismograph placed back in operation on October 24.

On Tuesday afternoon, October 25 at 1:55 P.M., power to the seismograph at Mammoth had to be cut off while electricians were placing a power pole. It was turned on again at 4:20 P.M. and Janet Ashley was notified.

Safety and Health. Five on-the-job accidents were reported during the month. Two of these accidents involved personnel from Ranger Services and and actually occurred in September. One man was hospitalized with a badly cut leg suffered in a helicopter crash; the other will undergo surgery in the near future for a hernia. The other three individuals are employees of the Maintenance Division and we understand one of them is presently hospitalized in Livingston, Montana from an eye injury.

On October 15-16, Rangers conducted a search for Mrs. Edith Ritchey of Gardiner, who had become separated from a friend while fishing beyond Rattlesnake Butte on the Yellowstone River. Mrs. Ritchey was located two miles from the road at approximately the 6,000 foot elevation on Rattlesnake Butte. Mrs. Ritchey is 83 years old, has only one lung as a result of being bucked off a horse when she was 70, and has a heart ailment. When a Ranger called on her to check her condition one day later, he found her splitting wood in her back yard and in apparent excellent health.

Twenty-one motor vehicle accidents were reported and investigated during October. This brings the total for the year to date to 408. At this time in 1965, the total for the year was 389.

Buildings and Utilities. All buoys in the marina area at Bridge Bay have been removed and put into storage. The metal ramps have been put away for winter. All boats have been removed from the Lake.

A new trailer house was installed as quarters for the East Entrance ranger to replace old Residence No. 221, constructed in 1921, which was destroyed after being surveyed and cleared with the General Services Administration.

The 25-horsepower water pump at Grant Village was connected to the automatic system.

Seven additional sites at the Employees' Trailer Court were provided with utility hookups during the month.

As of this date, the new radio system is complete as far as the Motorola contract is concerned with the exception of the installation of the switch equipment in the Radio Shop. The new radio system began operating as of late afternoon on September 22. Since that date, practically all activity has centered on the installation of equipment in mobiles, installation of equipment in offices and the distribution of portable equipment. The work was basically carried on by the contractor and did not affect the radio maintenance personnel, other than inspection, coordination and general supervision involved.

A new copper fuel line was added to the generator at Mt. Washburn. This, along with a new seal on the fuel pump, seems to have eliminated the problem of the fuel line sucking air bubbles. The equipment has been completely serviced and made ready for winter operation.

Roads and Trails. All snow fencing and placing of guide stakes were installed during the month with some snow plowing and sanding on October 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, and 17.

Forest Fire Protection. On October 16, Park Forester Lowell White, Regional Forester Dickison and Chief Ranger Harold J. Estey made a brief inspection tour of the new facilities for the Interagency Smokejumper Unit at West Yellowstone. Although the construction is well under way, there is much yet to be done to complete the job.

Following is a brief resume of Yellowstone's 1966 fire season:

No.	Total Acreage	Total Cost	No. Fires Aircraft Used	Lightning Caused	Other
44	294.39	$123,848.00	30	38	6

On October 17, Regional Forester Dickison held an informal critique on the fire season. Among the items discussed was the need of another dispatcher during peak of fire season in order to free the Forester for on-site inspections and recommendations, particularly during large conflagrations.

Because of dry conditions in early October, the Mount Washburn Lookout was manned through October 9.

Building Fire Protection. October 9 through 15 was National Fire Prevention Week. The following activities were programmed:

Elementary school fire drill and training
Housewife fire training
Brigade training
News releases and fire prevention posters
Cub Scout participation through family handouts

On October 10, a surprise fire drill was conducted at the Mammoth Elementary School. There was no confusion and the building was evacuated within 15 seconds after the alarm sounded. After the drill, a 30-minute fire prevention program was presented by Ranger personnel. On October 12, a discussion of common household fires was held at the Fire Cache for interested housewives.

On October 14, the regular monthly fire brigade drill was conducted in the Mammoth area.

Insect and Tree Diseases. Blister rust control activities for the month consisted of the compilation of statistical summaries and control status analysis for the 1966 field season. A total of 12,010 acres were worked by various ribes eradication methods requiring 2,900 man days.

The work classification of the 115,470 acre program includes 34,230 acres unworked, 23,760 acres reworked, and 57,480 acres maintenance. Over 70 per cent of the total acres worked to date are now classified as maintenance.

Following is a solid volume of Yellowstone's 1988 fire season.

No.	Total Acreage	Total Cost	No. Fires Attributed Cost	Beginning Ground	Other
44	[illegible]	$[illegible]	40	32	[illegible]

On October 17, Regional Forester Dominion held an informal division on the fire season. Among the fixed dishonored was the need of earlier dispatcher making work of fire season in order to hold the forester for on-site inspections and recommendations, particularly during large conflagrations.

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- Elementary school fire drill and training
- Domestic fire training
- Brigade training
- Home inlosses and fire prevention posters
- Cub Inlet participation through family handouts

On October 10, a surprise fire drill was conducted on the Lamont Elementary School. There was no confusion and the building was evacuated within 13 seconds after the alarm sounded. After the drill, a 30-minute fire prevention program was presented by Ranger Parkwell. On October 12, a discussion of Bonnet Mackenzie Fire was held at the Fire Cache for interested housewives.

On October 14, the regular monthly fire brigade drill was conducted in the Lamont area.

Insect and Tree Diseases. Blister rust control activities for the month consisted of the verification of statistical summaries and control status analysis for the 1988 field season. A total of 17,[illegible] acres were worked by various fibre modification methods requiring 2,[illegible] man days.

The work classification of the 11[illegible],[illegible] acre program includes [illegible] acres surveyed, 13,[illegible] acres reworked, and 37,[illegible] acres maintenance. Over 75 per cent of the total acres worked to date are now classified as maintenance.

After considerable scouting of the southern portion of the Park, it is quite evident that the Mountain Pine Beetle is moving into Yellowstone. Right now the only combative measures being taken are in the developed areas.

Snake River campground - 32 trees marked for removal and EDB treatment.
Bechler Ranger Station - 17 trees removed and treated.

Since the U. S. Forest Service (Targhee National Forest) has set up several pine beetle control areas adjacent to the Park's southwest boundary, it was decided to initiate a formal infestation survey in this area. This will give us more solid information on the actual buildup in the Park, should requests come in from the Forest Service to treat within the Park boundaries. In future years, it will also remove the guesswork in determining the status of the infestation.

Concessions. A number of planning sessions were held with Yellowstone Park Company officials during the month but the most important involving Regional, D & C and Washington Office participation is covered in more detail under Special Activities.

Early in the month the Goldfield Corporation transferred the stock of the Yellowstone Park Company to one of its subsidiary companies, the General Baking Corporation. The transfer was authorized by the Director of this Service. At the same time Art Bazata was confirmed as President of the Yellowstone Park Company and John Amerman, formerly Controller, was designated Executive Vice President.

The Yellowstone Park Company entered into a contract with Theodore Wirth and Associates of Billings, providing for preparation of preliminary and construction plans for the Company's Grant Village facilities. At the same time it was indicated that Graham, Scowcroft, Hansen and Ottem of Billings had been retained to prepare plans for overnight accommodations to be installed at Canyon Village, Lake Lodge and Roosevelt Lodge as well as major renovation in other localities.

Accommodations and Services were closed as follows:

Yellowstone Park Company

Old Faithful Motor Hotel and Coffee Shop	October 24
Lake Employees Mess Hall	October 31

Hamilton Stores, Inc.

Basin Store at Old Faithful	October 24

Yellowstone Park Service Stations

Old Faithful Area L-P Bottled Gas Plant	October 31
Fishing Bridge L-P Bottled Gas Plant	October 31
Lake Service Station	October 31

The Old Faithful Postal Station closed at the end of business October 21. All Park mail service is now handled at headquarters.

Complaints. Several written and oral complaints were received complaining that the facilities in the Park were closed too early.

U.S.G.S. U. S. Geological Survey personnel completed their summer field work in the Old Faithful area.

Law Enforcement. There were 21 law enforcement incidents for October. Of this total, eight were reported on the monthly FBI Uniform Crime Report.

Three incidents involved court appearances of violators. Two complaints were filed with charges of using a power boat in the channel between Lewis and Shoshone Lakes. The third complaint charged two individuals with possessing and transporting an elk carcass on Park land. All alleged violators were found guilty by the court.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. Park Naturalist M. Mary Meagher made three plane flights during the month to locate groups of bison. Following the flights, attempts were made to check neck-banded animals on the Mirror Plateau, but they moved too fast to catch up with. From now until snow forces them to stay, they will move considerably.

Bear Statistics

	10/66	10/65	10/64	10/63
Bear Injuries	67	39	30	36
Bear Damage	298	290	223	275
Bears Killed:				
for control	39	11	12	16
by accident	19*	7	7	14
Shipped to Zoos	2	5	2	7

* includes one poached

Roadside-Public Use Area Trend Count (Bears)

Date	District	No. of Bears 1966	1965	1964	1963
October 7	North	7	0	0	10
	South	14	0	0	6
	West	3	0	1	5
	TOTALS	24	0	1	21
October 14	North	3	0	0	11
	South	6	0	0	1
	West	2	0	1	5
	TOTALS	11	0	1	17
October 21	North	1	0	0	8
	South	0	2	2	1
	West	2	2	2	2
	TOTALS	3	4	4	11
October 28	North	1	0	0	3
	South	0	3	0	0
	West	0	1	0	0
	TOTALS	1	4	0	3

Bighorn Sheep At least 39 Bighorn sheep (ewes, lambs, and young rams) were observed on the north end of Mt. Everts (Coal Mine Flats) by the latter part of the month.

On October 22 and 29, South District Naturalist Lake observed a band of six Bighorn sheep approximately one mile south of the North Entrance to the Park. Composition of the group was four ewes and two lambs.

Bison A herd of 35-40 bison has been frequently observed in the Lower Geyser Basin.

Bobcat A bobcat (mature male) was observed at the 30-mile post on the Thorofare Trail on October 19.

Ramblings-Hobby on Lake Forest Coast (Cont.)

Date	Species	No. of Birds			
		Ad.	Imm.	Juv.	Tot.
October 7	Herg	7	0	1	12
	Snow	10	0	0	10
	Blue	2	1	1	4
	Totals	19	0	1	21
October 14	Herg	7	0	0	14
	Snow	4	0	0	7
	Blue	3	1	1	5
	Totals	11	1	1	17
October 21	Herg	1	0	0	1
	Snow	0	1	1	1
	Blue	3	1	1	5
	Totals	3	2	2	7
October 28	Herg	1	0	0	1
	Snow	0	1	1	1
	Blue	2	1	1	4
	Totals	1	2	2	6

Species Count: As lower 30 species were (Grey, Snow, and Blue) which have observed on the south end of the Lake Forest Coast Area Trail by the Author and Jim Hobby.

On October 28 the Jr. Audu Society Bird Walk, we observed a total of six Bighorn sheep approximately one mile south of the Lake Forest Entrance on the Coast. Temperatures at the group was from one and two Tenths.

Elsie: A total of Three Elsie has been frequently seen in the lower canyon area.

Bobcat: A bobcat (Felis rufus) was observed in the Bobcat post on the Shoreline Trail on October 11.

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Tillamook Bird-Net Fact. Sheets

Eagle — A mature bald eagle was seen October 10 at Buffalo Lake. Another mature bald eagle was seen along Greyling Creek on October 20.

Elk — A group of 100 elk was observed in Round Prairie. On October 2, 135 elk were observed and counted and an estimated 200+ were observed between the 29 milepost and 31 milepost on the Thoroofare Trail. Two harems were counted that numbered 23 cows and three calves, and 24 cows and four calves on the same day.

Raccoon — A raccoon was observed two miles west of the Northeast Entrance on the afternoon of October 27.

Swan — On October 23, Sub-District Ranger Stewart Orgill, stationed at Madison Junction, observed 18 swans on South Twin Lake. They were in two groups; one of ten and one of eight.

On October 26, there were 37 swans seen on Yellowstone Lake, and 17 more were seen in Mary Bay. On October 25, a flight of 12 Trumpeter swans was observed over Willow Park and two were seen feeding in a pond near Junction Butte.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Publicity. On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly News was issued to keep employees, concessioners, and others currently informed of Park happenings.

There was one press release issued: Monetary award to J. A. Martinek.

Religious and Chapel Use. Protestant services were held throughout the month.

There was a wedding in the Chapel on October 9. John Hillard and JoAnn Zimmerer were married at 4:30 P.M. The Rev. John M. Lee officiated.

Public Relations. On October 13 West District Naturalist Stanley G. Canter presented a talk before members of the Idaho Falls Kiwanis Club. One hundred were in attendance, among whom were Idaho gubernatorial candidates, Messrs. Samuelson and Andrus.

Eagle A mature bald eagle was seen October 30 at Phillips Lake. Another mature bald eagle was seen along Greyling Creek on October 30.

Elk A group of 100 elk was observed in Mead Pacific. On October 2, 130 elk were observed and counted and an estimated 200+ were observed between [illegible] and 31 milepost on the Therefore Trail. Two barons were counted that numbered 12 cows and three calves, and 24 cows and four calves on the same day.

Raccoon A raccoon was observed two miles west of the Northern Entrance on the afternoon of October 17.

Duck On October 23, Gun-District Ranger Lawrence Cogill, [illegible] at Pacific Terrace, observed 12 [illegible] on South Yale Lake. They were in the [illegible] one of two and one of eight.

On October 26, there were 47 [illegible] at Yellowstone Lake, and 17 more were seen in Mary Bay. On October 13, a flight of 13 Trumpeter swans was observed near Bridge Park and two were seen feeding in a pool near [illegible] [illegible].

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On October 17, Chief Park Naturalist John M. Good presented a talk on National Recreational Programs at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Sanitarian's Training Conference on the Role of the Sanitarian in Recreational Health. This Conference was conducted by Montana State University under auspices of the U. S. Public Health Service. The Program Director was Dr. William G. Walter, Department of Botany & Microbiology, Montan State University.

Public Affairs. Citizens of the now incorporated town of West Yellowstone plan to elect a mayor and four aldermen on November 8.

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General

[illegible] **[illegible]**. Fifteen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Plans, Maps and Surveys

The following drawings were reviewed or approved during October:

Concessioner Working Drawing NP-YEL-8839-A, Hay Storage Barn, Roosevelt Lodge - Approved by Regional Director 10/20/66.

Preliminary Drawing NS-BHB-3002-A, Visitor Center and Service Building, BIHO - Recommended by Superintendent 10/12/66 - Approved by Regional Director 10/18/66.

Notice to Proceed issued to:

Hunter-Sauerman, Inc., effective 10/3/66

Inspections Held

10/7/66 -	Final	- Reconstruction of Firehole Loop Road Relocate Road at Daisy Geyser(Hartwell-14-10-0243-654)
	Prefinal	- Final Surface, Grand Loop R. 1C, Madison Jct. to Firehole Canyon & West Entr. Rd. (Kimberly-NPS-WASO-YELL-V-65/41)
10/12/66-	Final	- Grounds Improvement & Site Restoration, Bridge Bay Nelson Bros. 14-10-0243-653
	Prefinal	- Norris Bypass & Parking (Studer-NPS-WASO-YELL-V-65/42)
	Prefinal	- Visitor Center, Grant Village (Julien-14-10-0243-638)
	Prefinal	- Boat Docks & Related Facilities, Grant Village (Lee-14-10-0243-598)
10/19/66	Final	- Final Surface, Grand Loop R.1C, Madison Jct.to Firehole Canyon & West Entr. Rd. (Kimberly-NPS-WASO-YELL-V-65/41)
10/25/66	Final	- Norris Bypass & Parking (Studer-NPS-WASO-YELL-V-65/42)
	Final	- Visitor Center, Grant Village (Julien-14-10-0243-638)
	Final	- Boat Docks & Related Facilities, Grant Village (Lee-14-10-0243-598)

Meetings attended by the Management Assistant (Programs) included:

Prefinal and Final Inspections October 7, 19 and 25.

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An order to resume work was issued to Hartwell Excavating, effective October 5, 1966.

John S. McLaughlin

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Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming October 27, 1966

A. Frank Hape, Operator General, was presented a cash award of $25 for his idea of a sliding gate for buffalo traps. Presentation made by Superintendent McLaughlin; at right is Chief of Maintenance, Franklin B. Elliott.

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